

The Churches of America and The New World-Order



"Christianity is more than an ideal by which we are to be judged; it supplies us great positive and wholly adequate conceptions of peace."

"The Church has something more than *moral influence* to contribute. It is to give to the movement toward world-unity a *sanctity* and a *spirit*."

THE CHALLENGE

At the outbreak of the Great War Christianity was widely denounced because it had not made war impossible between Christian nations.

The problem now confronting the churches of America is how they may most effectively render their contribution to the building up of such international relations that justice may be secured and goodwill prevail and that international difficulties may be settled by methods of reason rather than by appeal to force.*

THE INVITATION

For the speedy and effective attainment of these ends, the American Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches and the Commission on Peace and Arbitration of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America jointly invite every local congregation to establish a Peace Makers Committee.

*The World Alliance proposes a constructive policy and program that are equally important for those who believe in and for those who oppose enlarged military and naval forces for the United States.

Furthermore, this world-movement is entirely free from questions concerning church organization and doctrine.

1. To connect each local congregation with the world movement of the churches ;

2. To promote study in the local community of the principles of Christian Internationalism ;

3. To develop the intelligent convictions of church members in regard to their international responsibilities and duties ; and

4. To render possible the collective action of Christian citizens in Christianizing America's international relations.

Every Church and every Christian should help in establishing a Christian world order.

THE PLAN

1. Systematic, nation-wide education.

The Principles and Methods of World Constructive Statesmanship should be studied in Bible Classes, Brotherhoods, Men's Leagues, Women's Clubs, Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, and Young People's Societies.

2. Collective, co-operative and simultaneous action.

Suitable petitions to the President and to Congress should be signed by millions of Christian citizens.

THE DUTY

1. Of the Church

Every Church should establish its Committee on World Problems and introduce into all its groups at some suitable time the study of the Methods and Responsibilities for establishing World Righteousness and World Peace. **No new organization is proposed and no new meetings.**

2. Of the Christian

Christian Men have their peculiar responsibility in this matter of Christianizing America's international relations. They alone have the suffrage except in a few states. What they think on international policies will have directive influence upon those policies. They should, therefore, study these questions earnestly and conscientiously, and be prepared to make their peculiar contribution to the cause of establishing a Christian world-order.

Christian Women also have their peculiar responsibilities in these matters. They train the children in the home, in the schools and in the Sunday schools. They can look upon international problems and policies with interests less warped by ambition for great financial gains, commercial conquests and national glory. The disasters and calamities of war fall most

heavily upon them. Through their Missionary Societies, Women's Clubs and Chautauqua Courses they are organized for study and for work as are no other groups in the country. They, therefore, should bend their energies to the study of these questions and to the development of intelligent convictions and sane methods for the establishment of international righteousness, government and goodwill.

Every Christian who wishes to do his part and to have the Churches of America do their part in establishing a Christian World-Order should see to it that his Church establishes at once its Peace Makers Committee.

THE COST

Nothing in Cash—But Genuine Consecration and Courage.

There are no obligatory fees nor financial obligations for Churches or Committees; only voluntary contributions are sought.

THE MEMBERS

Churches join the World Alliance by appointing their Committees and reporting to the National Office.

Individuals join by becoming Regular, Sustaining, Honorary or Life Members by making gifts (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100).

COURSES OF STUDY

1. **A New Era in Human History, a Four Weeks Study of World Constructive Statesmanship,** with a Petition to the President and Congress of the United States. 5 cents each; \$4.00 per hundred.

2. **America and the Orient.**—This four-chapter booklet (pp. 100) is a study of the contact of the White and Yellow races, and outlines a constructive policy and program for the solution of the problem. It is published jointly by the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Missionary Education Movement. 25 cents.

3. **The Fight for Peace.**—This book of eighteen short chapters (pp. 200), issued by the Federal Council of Churches, is designed to help Christians understand the modern world problems. It discusses the relations of America with Europe, Mexico, China and Japan, and presents the principles upon which a Christian World-Order must be built. Club rates of ten or more copies—cloth, 40 cents. Single copies: cloth, 50 cents; paper, 25 cents; postage, 7 cents.

4. **World Missions and World Peace.**—This book of six chapters (pp. 280), issued by the Central Committee on United Study, is the text-book of the Women's Foreign Mission Study Course for 1916-17, but is equally fitted for men. It is an enlightening historical study of the relation of the Christian Church to the problems of War and Peace. It is accompanied by an exceedingly valuable pamphlet of suggestions for class leaders entitled, "How to Use Our Text Book" (10 cents). Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents; postage, 7 cents.

5. **International Peace, A Study in Christian Fraternity.**—This splendid course of thirteen lessons (pp. 30) was especially pre-

pared for Sunday School classes by Norman E. Richardson and others under the direction of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. It is designed for Adult Bible classes and for young people in their teens. It has been issued in 3,000,000 Sunday School Quarterlies by the various denominational publishing houses. 5 cents each or \$5.00 per hundred.

PAMPHLETS

A Challenge to the Churches. Introduction to "A New Era in Human History."

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2. **Everyland.** A monthly magazine for boys and girls covering nearly every field of human interest. It contains excellent stories and is attractively illustrated. \$1.00.

3. **Missionary Review of the World.** An illustrated monthly record of progress and opportunity in world-wide Christian missions. \$2.50.

4. **International Review of Missions.** A quarterly review dealing with work among non-Christian peoples, issued by the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh. \$2.00.

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